



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, brain injuries are recognized as a serious national public health epidemic and a major cause of death and disability in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Currently, as many as 3.5 million children and adults in the U.S., including more than 30,000 Georgians, live with long-term disabilities related to brain injuries. These injuries often result in a lifetime of physical, cognitive, and behavior problems; and
- WHEREAS: Each year in the U.S., sports and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries, including concussions, among youth and adults have increased in prevalence. Additionally, thousands of military members have been diagnosed with cases of brain injury upon returning from combat; and
- WHEREAS: Due to a lack of awareness about brain injuries and the difficulties associated with diagnosing the condition as well as its unique needs, many individuals affected by brain injury live for years without recognizing or seeking appropriate treatment for their injuries; and
- WHEREAS: The Brain Injury Association of Georgia offers education, resources, advocacy, and support services to individuals with brain injury, veterans, and their families, helping with community integration and resources so that they may live as independently as possible; and
- WHEREAS: Brain Injury Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the devastating impact brain injuries have on veterans, adults, and children, as well as the family, friends, and communities of those affected; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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